

REMARKS

By the present amendments, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14 and 17, and cancelled Claims 2 and 13. Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-20 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 14, and 18 are independent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that Claims 18-20 have been allowed.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of Claims 2-5, 11, and 14-16 would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of the base independent claim and any intervening claims, and to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicant has therefore amended Claim 1 to include all limitations of Claim 2. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from Claim 1 instead of Claim 2. Claims 4-12 all depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 1. Claim 14 has been amended to include all limitations of Claim 13. Claims 15-16 were already either directly or indirectly dependent from Claim 14, and Claim 17 has been amended to depend from Claim 14 instead of Claim 13. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been addressed as explained below.

Rejection of Claims 1-12 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for "the base." Claim 6 has been amended to clarify the antecedent basis for "the support" in Line 4. Claim 9 has been amended to change "the main section" to – the main frame --. Other claims within Claims 1-17 have been amended to change "main section" to – main frame – throughout these claims. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the Claims are now sufficiently definite.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 5 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 3,945,484 (Oury). Claim 1 has now been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 2. It is therefore submitted that this rejection has thereby been overcome.

Rejection of Claims 1, 5-10, 12-13, and 17 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 5-10, 12-13, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in light of U.S. Patent Number 6,360,876 (Noll et al.) in view of Oury. Claim 1 has now been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 2, and Claims 3-17 are all directly or indirectly dependent from Claim 1. This rejection is therefore submitted to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-20 are now submitted to be in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative so that any additional issues may be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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